



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING
4:00P.M. – 5:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Louis Albert, Bill Arden, Rhonda Ball, Malena Barajas, Dr. Kent Barrabee, Mark DeWeerd, George Favela, Connie Greenberg, Dr. Mari Helen High, Bill Holmes, Ann Huber, Dr. Paul Kohn, Rebecca Kopec, Raul Nido, Laura Shaw, Dr. Jay St. John, Molly Tylutki, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edward Nossem, Karla Garcia, Fran Embrey Senechal, Matt Kopec, Dr. Gregg Johnson (panel), Leticia Menchaca (panel), & community attendees.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. LOUIS ALBERT

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT – BILL ARDEN

ASSETS:

Current Assets:	\$155,556.09
Fixed Assets:	<u>1,619.84</u>
Total Assets:	157,175.93

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Current Liabilities:	\$ 15,001.15
Total Equity:	<u>142,174.78</u>
Total L & E:	157,175.93

Motion to approve November & December 2009 Financial Report: George Favela
Second: Dr. Jay St. John
Motion carried 18 to 0.

3.0 APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009 MEETING MINUTES – DR. LOUIS ALBERT

Motion to Approve the November 18, 2009 MEC Meeting Minutes: Dr. Jay St. John
Second: George Favela
Motion carried 18 to 0.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

The City of Tucson Budget & Research has reduced the MEC budget by 60%, and the AWW through COT Community Services by 20%. The Executive Committee will meet next week to discuss our options. The Commissioners visits to Mayor and Council did not produce the necessary votes to protect our funding. It is incumbent on us to continue as a Commission, to continue to get the word out about who we are, what we do, and how we do it, and that the MEC and the RCAC are a great, cost-effective investment in our community.

4.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon –Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The 20th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, April 30, 2009, at the Desert Diamond Hotel & Casino. Congressman Raul Grijalva will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Commissioners are requested to secure at least 1 table for the event. We have 14 tables so far, with one Gold Sponsor (University of Phoenix, \$3,500) and two Patron Sponsors (Tohono O'odham Nation & UA College of Education). Dr. Webb-Vignery will remain in contact with Raul Grijalva's office regarding his attendance at the Luncheon.

4.3 Appointments – Pat Wiedhopf

Maria Hooker has had to resign from the MEC due to health issues. We are still awaiting 3 Commissioner appointments: the Youth; Parks, Recreation, & Housing; and City Council.

4.4 YAC/TTC – Fran Embrey Senechal

The Transition Fair will take place on March 3, 2010, at Catalina High School. The LULAC Career Fair will take place on March 16 (middle school attendees) and 17th (high school attendees). Patsy Torres & band will once again provide entertainment. We have had over 100 submissions for the Goal One: Graduate! Poster Contest; and the YAC/TTC will select a winner at their February 3rd meeting. We have had over 25 Outstanding Teen Citizen nominations. They will also be selected at the next YAC/TTC meeting. The Crystal Apple School Counselor Award recipient will also be selected. The Teen Town Hall will take place on April 8th, location TBD, probably at El Rio Neighborhood Center. Regina Romero & Richard Elias will cosponsor the event, pending date confirmation from Supervisor Elias. The topic this year will be homeless teens & education strategies for them.

4.5 Issues – George Favela / Karla Garcia (RCAC) (Karla Garcia not in attendance)

To date the RCAC website has 1,938 student accounts, 268 school counselor accounts, 16,972 website hits, and has had 158 walk ins/appointments.

4.6 2010 Census – Malena Barajas

The MEC is the education representative on the Census Complete Count Committee. Malena brought census-related items to the meeting for MEC dissemination to their constituencies. There are specialists working with the school districts to assist with hard-to count populations attending schools; demographics will play a crucial role in the Census' success.

4.7 Key to Employment Workshop – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The Workshop will take place on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at the Tucson International Airport. We have nearly 1,000 students and 100 teachers registered. Exhibitors will be presenting on high tech careers, using interactive displays and Exploratoriums. We have prepared a welcoming DVD featuring Dr. Webb-Vignery, Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Mayor Walkup, Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias, and former YAC/TTC Youth Commissioner Katie Dreeland.

5.0 MEC 20th ANNIVERSARY EVENT: HIGHER EDUCATION PANEL

The panelists were:

Dr. Paul Kohn, Dean of Admissions & Associate Vice President, Student Affairs, University of Arizona; Gregg Johnson, Campus Director, University of Phoenix Southern Arizona Campus; and Leticia Menchaca, Vice President of Student Development, Pima Community College.

Transcripts of the panel forum are available from the MEC office.

6.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: George Favela

Second: Dr. Jay St. John

The motion passed 18-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.